

LOUISIANA TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION FUND COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 5, 2004

Butch Speer chaired the meeting of the Council. Members present were Butch Speer, Jerry Guillot, Dom Cali and Bob Harper. Roll was called and quorum was established.

Motion for adoption of minutes from September 8 meeting. There were no objections and minutes were adopted.

Mr. Speer stated item on today's agenda was a request by the Office of Electronic Services for an extension of their proposal "Louisiana's eGovernmental Portal Grant"—Log #02-011. Chair recognized Dr. Allen Doescher, Deputy CIO, for explanation.

Dr. Doescher stated the Office of Electronic Services (OES) had received a grant from the Louisiana Technology Innovation Fund. He stated the grant has proceeded and the activity under the grant has proceeded quite well. In the September 2, 2004, report there was a reference to the different steps that had been completed and those that were still pending. It was reported that it was 98% complete and felt confident that the majority of the work was completed. Dr. Doescher further stated there were two small items that had not been accomplished completely. The members were provided with the information clarifying the issue. Basically, the extension is being requested specifically in regard to Items 14 and 15 in the September 2, 2004, project status summary. In particular, for Item 14, Dr. Doescher stated they are looking at adding as part of the e-commerce portion of the E-mall—the portal activity, adding the ability to allow for payments by electronic check. He stated this can be accomplished today by credit card. They are working with the Treasurer's Office who in turn works through BankOne. Hoping to have this completed by January, 2005. Treasurer's Office has been supportive of this. Dr. Doescher stated there have been several requests for the electronic check portion.

Item 15 – Dr. Doescher explained when activities were started with the project, facilities at Technology Park were used at no cost and the facilities are still available at no cost. He stated that once the portal is operational and begins the implementations, it would be appropriate to acquire the equipment. One of the problems for the delay was the delay in arrival of the equipment. There have been some problems by the Office of Computing Services in setting up the equipment in order for it to serve as a host facility for the portal. It has since been completed. Currently, Websphere is being upgraded. This is the software on the portal for implementation. This will not be completed by November 14—firmly believe this can be accomplished by November 30. He further stated they would like to have someone assist to continue to support the portal during the process. Request is to have extension to

May 14, 2005 in order to complete last two phases which are in progress.

Dr. Doescher stated Ed Leachman was the former Director of OES and owner of the project and has since resigned. Neal Underwood is overseeing this project now.

Butch Speer asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Jerry Guillot made motion to approve request for extension. Dom Cali seconded motion. Request for extension was approved.

Dr. Doescher stated that this meeting serves as a quarterly meeting of the Council. There was no further business. Mr. Speer adjourned meeting.